Pingu Playscript Activity

It has been a while since you put your brilliant script writing skills to good use so I thought I would set you a script writing challenge this week.

You might remember an animated TV program called “Pingu”.  It used to be on CBeebies.  Pingu is a cheeky young penguin who is always up to mischief, getting himself into comical situations in the snowy world in which he lives.

Pingu and his family speak only in a babbling nonsense language known as “**Pinguish**” or, in some circles, “**Penguinese**”.  You have to use the action in the story to work out what the characters might be saying.  You can also tell a lot about what they are saying from the way they are saying it – are they loud? Angry? Laughing? Your challenge is to watch an episode of Pingu and write a script for it in English!

Have a look here to remind you how to write a playscript:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zsn4h39/articles/zx8kng8>

Here is the episode I would like you to watch.  Pingu and his friends go tobogganing, but things do not quite go to plan for Pingu.

<https://youtu.be/1ki6dCNQIt0>

When you have watched it, the first thing you will need to do is write down a list of the characters.  You can make up your own names for them.

Next, you will need to describe the setting for the scene.  Here are some words to help you:

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| toboggan  | penguin  | mountain  | freezing  | icy  |

Then, I would like to you have a go at writing down what you think each character is saying.  Don’t forget to add in any details about how the character is speaking and any stage directions.  Remember, I cannot speak Penguish, so I do not know what they are saying and there are no right and wrong answers!  Have fun making up what you think they might be saying to each other.  Just don’t forget it needs to look like a script!